

## There's a Little Wheel a' Turnin' In My Heart

### Appalachian Folk Song

This sweet simple song does what folk songs do best; invite everyone to sing and make up new verses so it can keep going! It's great year-round, but a special favorite for Valentine's Day. I have stayed true to the traditional version here, but if you go onto YouTube you'll find many fun variations, and if you ask children, you'll be flooded with endless possibilities. Forget about the literal words, and just suggest animals.

Start each verse with an animal and have children finish the sentence. Like...

There's a little bee a buzzin' in my heart  
There's a little cow a mooing in my heart  
There's a little bird a singing in my heart  
There's a little bunny hopping in my heart

**You can take it s step further with these ideas:**

1. Have a basket of paper hearts, each with an animal on it. Have each child choose one, and make up the verse for everyone to sing (a child who picks a heart with a puppy on it might say, "There's a little puppy playing in my heart"). It's always fun and entertaining when children have input!
2. Write the sentence on a white board, and erase and replace the noun and verb as each children provide them. They will see how the rest of the words in the sentence remain the same, and get a feeling for nouns, verbs, and sentence structure by participating in the process.
3. If you want to expand the parts of speech, have children change the adjective (little), as well. You can even make the adjectives specific categories, like moods, colors, size.song!

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There's a little wheel a turnin' in my heart  
There's a little wheel a turning' in my heart  
In my heart, in my heart  
There's a little wheel a turnin' in my heart

There's a little bell a ringin' in my heart  
There's a little bell a ringin' in my heart  
In my heart, in my heart  
There's a little bell a ringin' in my heart

There's a little song a singin' in my heart  
There's a little wheel a singin' in my heart  
In my heart, in my heart  
There's a singin' in my heart

Oh I feel so very happy in my heart  
Oh I feel so very happy in my heart  
In my heart, in my heart  
Oh I feel so very happy in my heart (repeat first verse)

